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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING BRITISH BUSINESSMAN AND WIFE

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED TO THE RSO BY THE SECURITY OFFICER OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED TO FOREIGN NATIONALS TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH COMMUNITY PER REQUEST OF SOURCE.

2. [] WERE ABDUCTED FROM THEIR HOME BY APPROXIMATELY 10 MEN, BETWEEN 0200-0300 HOURS JUNE 12, 1976.

[] WERE CARRIED TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION, WERE HANDCUFFED AND HOODED DURING TRANSPORT. AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN CUSTODY, THEY WERE KEPT HANDCUFFED AND HOODED. THE ROOM IN WHICH THEY WERE DETAINED WAS BARE EXCEPT FOR A BED AND MATTRESS.

AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, THE ABDUCTORS USING SOME TYPE OF CREDENTIAL IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF A GOA SECURITY FORCE: EXACT ORGANIZATION UNKNOWN. THE VICTIMS WERE INFORMED THAT THEY WERE BEING TAKEN TO COORDINATION FEDERAL, WHICH IS AN ELEMENT OF FEDERAL POLICE SECURITY. DURING THE COURSE OF THEIR CAPTIVITY, THEY WERE QUESTIONED CONCERNING THE FACT THAT THEIR NAMES HAD BEEN FOUND AMONG PAPERS OBTAINED DURING THE COURSE OF A RAID ON AN ERP HIDEOUT. [] WAS ABLE TO CONVINCE THE ABDUCTORS THAT THERE WAS NO CONNECTION AND THAT

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HE AND HIS WIFE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE ERP OR ITS ACTIVITIES. WHILE BEING HELD, [REDACTED] INFORMED INDIVIDUALS AT HER RESIDENCE BY TELEPHONE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND MONDAY AFTERNOON (JUNE 14, 1976) THAT THEY WERE "OK" AND WOULD BE HOME THAT SAME DAY. [REDACTED] WERE RELEASED SEPARATELY BETWEEN 2 AND 4 AM OF THE MORNING OF JUNE 15. [REDACTED] WAS RELEASED IN PALERMO PARK, WHILE [REDACTED] WAS RELEASED AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION IN THE CENTER OF BUENOS AIRES. NEITHER [REDACTED] WERE ABUSED DURING THE COURSE OF THEIR DETENTION.

3. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ABDUCTION HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED BY ANY NEWS MEDIA IN ARGENTINA.
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